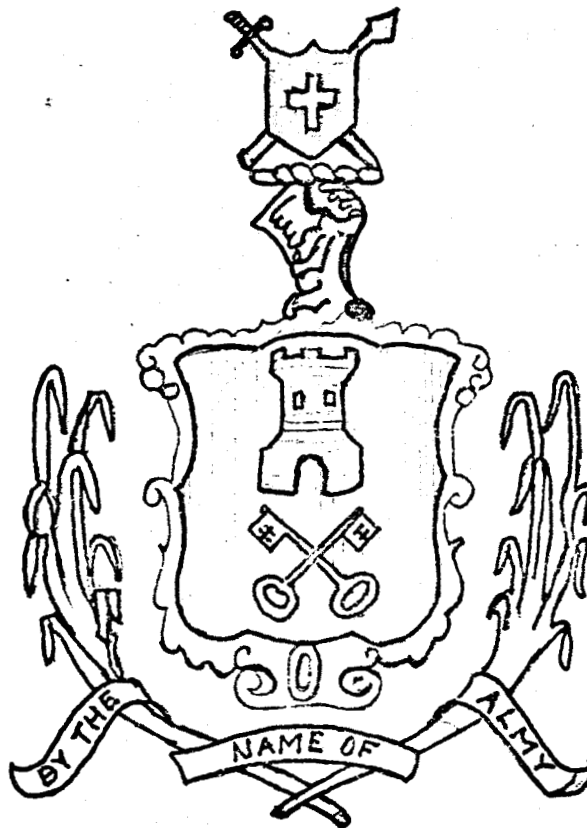


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Gene Almy of Fort Worth, Texas

Gene wrote and commented as follows on the Almy coat-of-arms used as the heading on the July newsletter: "The slide I have enclosed is of a 14.75" diameter plate that I inherited from my father. It is similar to the crest you have but has numerous detail differences. The colors on the slide are a true reproduction of the actual colors on the plate."

Thank you Gene for sending the slide. I really appreciate it. The colors match those I've seen used elsewhere for the Almy crest. I wish there was some way I could (economically) show everyone the slide in color. I am sure you treasure the plate very much.

Paul Almy of Mt. Prospect, Illinois

In reply to my questionnaire Paul wrote "Tracing the family tree seems like an interesting hobby. My wife Dorothy & I were vacationing in the Smoky Mountains two weeks ago. We drove through Almy, Tenn. It's not much of a town, but has an old white frame school house (now a grocery store) with a sign on it "Almy School". The people we talked with didn't know of anyone named Almy in the area."

Does anyone know the history of Almy, Tennessee? If so, write and I'll put it in the newsletter for the enjoyment of all.

1900 Census

During the past six months I have spent over 50 hours looking at microfilm records of the 1900 census and listing the Almys found in it. Following is a summary of the information for those states in which I found Almys.

<u>State</u>	<u>No. of Families</u>	<u>Almys in Families</u>	<u>No. living separately</u>	<u>Total Almys</u>
Alaska	-	-	2	2
Arkansas	1	4	-	4
California	5	17	5	22
Colorado	2	7	1	8
Connecticut	3	9	2	11
Georgia	-	-	1	1
Illinois	6	25	2	27
Indiana	3	9	2	11
Iowa	3	9	2	11
Kentucky	1	2	-	2
Maryland	1	7	1	8
Massachusetts	28	110	38	148
Michigan	14	47	2	49
Minnesota	1	3	1	4
Missouri	-	-	1	1
Montana	-	-	1	1
Nebraska	2	7	1	8
New Jersey	2	7	5	12
New York	54	183	37	220
North Dakota	2	6	-	6
Ohio	7	26	2	28
Oregon	2	6	2	8
Pennsylvania	3	14	4	18
Rhode Island	38	135	24	159
Utah	1	2	-	2
Washington	1	5	3	8
Wisconsin	1	5	3	8
Wyoming	-	-	1	1
Military & Naval	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>
Totals	<u>183</u>	<u>649</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>795</u>

Census information is not always factual because neighbors gave the informaion, census takers spelled names the way they thought they should be spelled, variations in pronunciation caused spelling errors, etc. I have included only those persons spelled ALMY unless spelling known to be incorrect and that they are actually Almys.

The number living separately above includes those listed as servants, boarders, etc., and those living alone.

Gerald R. Almy of Arlington, Virginia

Gerry, I was sorry to hear of your brother's unfortunate death.

I met Gerry in a most unusual way. I was working on the staff of the Commission on the Organization of the Government of the District of Columbia, known as the Little Hoover Commission. Passing two individuals in the Commission's office, I heard one remark that Mr. Almy was going to do a certain assignment. I stopped and said they must be mistaken as I had heard nothing about it and it was unrelated to my expertise. It then came out that a Gerald Almy had been hired as a consultant. Up until then, the three of us there in the office were not aware that two Almys were on the staff. Quite a coincidence, considering the Commission staff consisted of only around 40 individuals.

Mrs. Forrest Estes of Lincoln, Nebraska

Mrs. Estes (Sarah) descends from William¹ through Horace Manchester Almy. She wrote she had just received the July Almy Family Newsletter and that "I like the Almy Crest as the heading of the sheet." She says she enjoys the newsletters very much and enclosed a check to help defray expenses. Thank you, all assistance is welcome.

On June 19, 1975, Forrest and Sarah celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with all their children and grandchildren present. They have quite a family: five children, all married, and 12 grandchildren. Congratulations on your 50th and may you have many more.

Richard Almy of Front Royal, Virginia

Dick wants to know who the Richard Almy was who was in the Brown University class of 1923. If anyone knows, please send me the information and I'll pass it on to Dick.

Future issues

I plan to include in future issues information on the numbering system I use in keeping track of all the Almys which, by the way, are far more numerous than I suspected a few years ago. A numbering system is necessary to differentiate between Almys of the same name. There are some interesting facts regarding Almys of the same name which I'll try to pull together for future issues.

Once I explain my numbering system, I'll probably use those numbers in referring to persons in the newsletter. Then everyone having an Almy number will be able to figure out their relationship to all others with a number.

I will also explain in future issues what research I'm doing and some of the things I plan to do in the future.

Merwin Almy of Springfield, Virginia

On September 6-10, 1975 my wife and I went to Plymouth, Massachusetts to the Congress of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. I was a delegate from the D.C. Chapter. While in Plymouth my wife and I visited the Plimouth Plantation (correct spelling), John Alden house (built 1653), Mayflower II, and many other interesting places associated with the Pilgrims. I descend from 11 Mayflower passengers, including John Alden.

On the trip to and from the Congress I tried phoning as many of the Almys as I could that were located in the towns I drove through. I'm sorry I didn't have more time to spend in driving around New England so that I could have contacted more Almys.

One call that I made was to the phone of a Mrs. Almy in Cotuit, Mass. Her daughter Sydnor (Mrs. Dever) now lives at the address and she invited my wife and I out to discuss our Almy ancestry. We had a pleasant time going over my Almy family tree charts and she was able to furnish me additional information on her relatives. During the evening she surprised my wife and I by asking us to stay overnight. She was so insistent and my wife and I were so tired from all our travelling that we finally agreed to stay. After calling and cancelling our motel reservation we continued our discussions with her and also with her Almy cousin Charlotte (Mrs. Ryder). Next morning Sydnor took us on a tour of their yard and boat house. From their house they have a beautiful view of one of the bays on Cape Cod.

Syd, we really appreciated your kind and loving hospitality and our stay with you was one of the highlights of our trip.

Mailing of Newsletters

I just fold, staple, and stamp the newsletters for mailing, using the newsletter as its own wrapper. This saves me the cost of envelopes. But let me know if the newsletters are not coming through in good condition. There may be a better way of doing it.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

This is the last newsletter before the holiday season, although I may get the January issue out in December before the postal rate increase goes into effect (on December 28, I believe).

Best wishes for a joyous and happy Christmas holiday and for prosperity and happiness throughout the coming year.

Your cousin,

Merwin